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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION AND ENERGY

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1. TOP KLM OFFICIAL (DEP. PRES. DE SOET) TOLD US LAST EVENING THAT WHILE NO RESTRAINTS HAVE YET BEEN APPLIED BY GON OR OIL COMPANIES ON FUEL DELIVERIES TO AIRLINES THEY APPEAR INEVITABLE, AND KLM IS READY TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REEXAMINE WHOLE QUESTION OF COMPETITION IN AIR TRANSPORT. BALANCED REDUCTIONS IN CAPACITY ARE LOGICAL FIRST STEP, BUT DE SOET WOULD NOT PRECLUDE MORE RADICAL SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING TRANSNATIONAL MERGERS AND NON-SCHEDULED SHUTTling, AS PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MIGHT OUTLIVE FUEL CRISIS.

2. DE SOET REJECTED NOTION OF REFUELING OUTSIDE NETHERLANDS AS "UNFAIR" AND UNECONOMIC SINCE CARRYING UNNECESSARILY HEAVY FUEL LOAD COSTS FUEL. HE WOULD ALSO RESIST IDEA OF "PLANELESS SUNDAYS" THOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT POPULAR PRESSURE FOR THIS IS BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN NETHERLANDS IN
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WAKE OF "AUTOLESS SUNDAYS".

3. REGARDING AIR SERVICES IN MIDDLE EAST, DE SOET OBSERVED
THAT IT WAS INEXPLICABLE BUT HIGHLY PLEASING THAT KLM HAD
NOT BEEN BANNED FROM CAIRO, EXCEPT FOR BRIEF PERIOD DURING
HOSTILITIES, SINCE CAIRO IS MOST IMPORTANT ME POINT.
KLM CONTINUES DAILY SERVICE OVER EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA TO
POINTS FURTHER EAST.
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